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25X1 1. In the middle of June 1951, [redacted] employed in the Panzer Kaserne at Neubrandenburg (N 54/U 66) stated that four buildings of the installation quartered about 1,500 tank troops and one building 300 to 350 engineer troops. Some of the troops from the installation were allegedly detached for guard duty along the zonal border for periods of from 3 to 4 months. The last shipment of 120 troops had left for the zonal border on four trucks on 20 June. It was said that the tank unit in the installation received about 500 recruits in early June. The recruits, who were from 18 to 20 years of age, began their daily routine as early as 6 a.m. and, on most of the days continued it until 11 p.m. About 20 tanks of different types were allegedly stationed in the billeting area. [redacted]

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[redacted] A JS tank fired live shells in the area south of the Panzer Kaserne, while three other tanks, which were covered with canvas, were parked nearby.

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2. Materiel observed at the engineer training site on Tollense Lake included 17 pontoons, 2 motorboats and an undetermined number of pneumatic rafts, bridge-building equipment and pile drivers. A lieutenant colonel and 32 EM wearing black epaulets were seen there on 15 June.

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\* [redacted] Comment. The report confirms previous information on the Neubrandenburg military post, where components of the 9th Gds Tank Div, including the unidentified Hv Tank Sp Regt, and the 413th Inf Div Pon Bridge Bn of the Second Gds Ncz Army are carried. [redacted]

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